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## EIGHTY-TWO LIVES IS STORM'S TOLL

WIND SWEEPS ACROSS SOUTHERN OKLAHOMA, NORTH-ERN TEXAS AND PORTIONS OF ARKANSAS.

## FATALITIES MAY BE REPORTED FROM ISOLATED TOWNS

The Property Loss Will Be Tremendous as the Storm Track was Through Densely Populated Sections of the Three States and Much Property is Bound to Have Been Destroyed.

Dallas, Texas, April 9.—Eighty-two lives was the toll of the storm which swept north Texas, southern Oklahoma, and a section of Arkansas last night and early today, according to reports received here up to 10 o'clock tonight. Many points still were isolated at that hour and the number of fatalities may be increased when full details are available, as the tornado swept through thickly settled farming communities. Of the 82 reported dead, 43 have been identified.

Direct telegrams from Duran, Okla. gave the fatalities there as 11, as against 6 previously reported.

Near the little town of Bells, a Missouri, Kansas & Texas freight train was blown from the track, the engine alone staying on the rails.

The conductor and brakeman living in Denison were reported badly hurt.

The storm passed over Texas coming up from the south, so high that only its fringe was felt here at cities south of here. After passing Dallas, it apparently swooped down and it was the counties along the state line that felt its full force. Today, before the first reports of serious damage began to be received, J. L. Cline, United States weather observer here, announced that conditions had been just such as caused tornadoes and predicted that reports of a serious storm would come later.

In the Panhandle of Texas, the wind was accompanied by heavy snow. Childress, Texas, reported that traffic with all the Panhandle roads was blocked by the worst snow storm of the season. From Clarendon north into Colorado 15 inches of snow covers the ground. The Fort Worth and Denver road had three trains in drifts and at Amarillo, the turntable was filled so that engines could not be taken out of the round house. The high wind in the Panhandle kept up all day. From Clarendon south, a heavy rain fell all night and all creeks were bank full. The weather observer predicted frost temperatures for tonight.

Reports from communities show the following deaths:

- Canaan, Texas, 4.
- Duran, Okla., 11.
- Wood county, Texas, 4.
- Pontotoc county, Okla., 1.
- Ector, Texas, 3.
- Ravenna, Texas, 8.
- Mineola, Texas, 11.
- Tundry, Texas, 8.
- Winnabow, Texas, 15.
- San Angelo, Texas, 1.
- Texarkana, Texas, 1.

### CITY LIGHT PLANT IN-STALLING NEW FIXTURES

The City Light Plant has recently received some new equipment for the plant and it is being installed this week, and there may be short intervals that the lights will be out, but the force will do most of their connection work at times when it will discomode the fewest of the patrons, and they hope to have all the new equipment set in a few days.

The city plant has been most successfully operated from the time it was first put in operation and has given splendid service, and the present management is adding new and more modern equipment and propose to keep the plant up to the usual high quality service.

### LUBBOCK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL TRUSTEES ELECTED

Last Saturday trustee election was held for the election of three trustees for the Lubbock Independent school district, which resulted in the election of A. B. Conley, Jr., S. C. Spikes and C. M. Ballenger. These three gentlemen were members of the board before. We understand that Dr. Hutchinson will continue as President of the board and L. D. Rankin, Secretary-Treasurer.

This is a progressive set of men and we are not uneasy at all for the future of Lubbock schools.

Miss Harris of Plainview, arrived Wednesday and is a guest of Mrs. G. F. J. Stephens.

Newsome, Texas, 6.  
Pleasant Grove, Texas, 2.  
Eustace, Texas, 1.  
Ogden, Arkansas, 5.  
Walters, Okla., 1.

Following is a list of the identified dead:

At Newsome, Texas: Adolphus, Austin and wife. Two children of E. Tillery. Two children of Mart Morgan. Mrs. S. J. Alston, Mrs. J. R. White, J. R. Little, Sr., and his small son; J. R. Little.

At Grand Saline, Texas: John Lynch, his wife and baby.

At Delbia, Texas: Two young women named Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Pryor.

At Ector, Texas: Sam and Cecil Huffaker, child named Ashburn.

At Mulberry, Texas: Lefe Price, his wife and two children, Fred Wisley, Mrs. Bond.

At Blodgett, Texas: J. L. Branch, and wife, Roy Branch, Percy Branch.

At Blue Ridge, Texas: W. J. Lawrence, his wife and four children, Lena Pryor.

At Durant, Okla.: Mrs. John Murphy and two children, W. B. Neal and wife, Mrs. Vincent, Mr. Inman, Sam O'Connor, Mr. Moffett, Beulah Inman, Mr. Isham.

At Jesse, Okla.: Mrs. Collins.

At Texarkana: Edna Richardson, negro.

At Winsboro, Texas: Mrs. L. G. Calhoun, Mrs. W. A. Alston and baby.

At Canaan, Texas: Grover Atin, his wife and two children.

At Mineola, Texas: Miss Inez White, Mrs. Vickery, Mrs. Turner, two negro women named McDonnell, Mrs. Eula Orr and baby, A. Jones, Cheny Moore and two sons.

At Pleasant Grove, Texas: Will Jordan, Mrs. Clements.

At Pike, Texas: Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence and their four children.

At Tundra, Texas: Herbert Burns and four children, two sons of James Martin.

Pontotoc county, Okla.: Mrs. Josephine Linkin.

At Walters, Okla.: G. C. Milley.

The course of the storm was erratic. At times, it leaped a mile or more before striking the ground and doing damage, and left one farmhouse unharmed only to demolish the next one. No cities of any size were in its path. Most of those killed were caught under their falling buildings. The heavy rainfall extinguished the numerous fires that started when houses were overturned.

The little cotton town of Canaan was completely wiped out.

### CROSBY COUNTY FOLKS WANT BETTER MAIL SERVICE

The Citizens of Lorenzo, Ralls and other places on the Crosbyton branch road, are petitioning the railroad official, or the railroad administration, to hold their train which arrives here at 9:25 a. m. and leaves at 11 a. m. until after the afternoon train north bound arrives here, thereby taking all passengers which may arrive in the morning and afternoon.

It is understood that the men are now working nine hours on this run, and by holding this crew here until 1:30 p. m. will probably cause them to either have two crews or the same one work 12 hours, which the railroad company more than likely will not want to do, but it is readily seen that the people of this road to Crosbyton are put to many disadvantages. For instance, parties arriving on the afternoon train are compelled to wait over until the next day, besides men coming from these points on the branch do not have enough time to spend attending to business matters and make connection with the returning train.

It is to be hoped that some adjustment will be made in the near future.

Mrs. Jno. M. Denman and sons, Marian and Billy, are spending a few days visiting in Floydada with Mrs. Denman's mother, Mrs. Wm. Moore.

June Watts, of Paducah, Texas, but formerly of Lubbock, was one of the out-of-town visitors here this week.

### COUNTY TRACK MEET RESULTS ANNOUNCED

The Athletic League of the County Schools which met last Thursday were very poorly represented by the rural schools, Canyon being the only out of town school represented but the District meet which is held here Friday and Saturday, April 11 and 12, is expected to be well represented by all the neighboring counties or possibly 13 counties will have their pupils here.

The following is the result of last Thursday County meet:

I certify that the below named students of Lubbock High School and Lubbock County schools are eligible to enter the different Athletic events set before their names, also the ball team whose names are given below:

120 Yard hurdle—1st, Jno. Simpson; 2nd, Bill Honey and Chas. Dupre.  
160 yard dash—1st, Hex Montgomery; 2nd, Duwain Gaither and Jno. Spikes.

1 mile run—Roby Cathey, Henry Benson and Newman Boles.

220 yard hurdle—Chas. Dupre, Girard Lokey and Edwin Martin.

440 Yard dash—Royal Hearn, Moodie Smith, and Eldon Sanders.

220 yard dash—Bill Honey, Hex Montgomery and Royal Hearn.

880 yard run—Bill Honey, Duwain Gaither and Chas. Dupre.

1 mile run—Hex Montgomery, Bill Honey, Royal Hearn and Roby Cathey.

Pole vault—Jno. E. Whipp and Tommie Moore.

Running Broad Jump—Johnnie Spikes, Jno. E. Whipp, and Spencer Stabbs.

Running High Jump—Duwain Gaither, Tommie Moore and Ulysses Cone.  
12-lb. shot put—Jno. Spikes, Jno. Simpson and Dewey Farris.

Discus—Wallace Blankenship, Jno. Spikes, and Dewey Farris.

Basket Ball, Boys—Ulysses Cone, Gordon Cone, Dewey Farris, Johnnie Simpson, Johnnie Spikes, Henry Brown, Moodie Smith, Lonnie Montgomery and Selwyn Buford.

Tennis, Boys—Arnett Pearson and Carl Roberts.

Baseball, Boys—Lawrence Gelin, Arnett Pearson, Bill Honey, John E. Whipp, Wayne Hutson, Selwyn Buford, Spencer Stubbs, Moodie Smith, Newman Boles, Royal Hearn, Allen Long and Spec Long.

G. N. ATKINSON,  
Principal, Lubbock High School.

### NEW INDUSTRIES WILL DEVELOP LUBBOCK TRADE TERRITORY

Lubbock as the logical distributing point of the South Plains will in several ways be benefitted by the project being worked upon toward erection of mills for the potash which has been located in the Alkali lakes particularly in Terry and Lynn counties which will no doubt be a great help to the towns in which the mills are located, as it will give them a payroll of several thousand dollars, also bring other business to these places, which will of course draw through Lubbock's wholesale houses their wares and also as Lubbock's Banks are one of the foundations of development in the South Plains being used by business men of all these adjoining counties will be helped to a great extent.

In conversation this week with M. V. Brownfield who has leased lakes to one of the companies who are now developing he stated that Ainsworth of Wichita, Kansas, who is one of the men leading this industry was now making Brownfield his headquarters and that he thinks without doubt that the mills be erected in a very short time, as yet nothing definite is known as to who will erect mills as one of the companies who are developing are composed of Fort Worth men who are still sending sediment to different laboratories for analysis.

Mr. Gurley, one of the men with the other company who we understand were the first to recognize the lake as being valuable, in conversation with us some time back stated that his company are through with their analysis, and that they knew exactly to what extent each product would contribute toward working as a paying basis, potash being the main mineral, while salt and other products would be found and milled which would pay their operating expense.

Judge Moore returned Thursday morning from Amarillo where he went as chairman of Lubbock County Loan Committee, to attend their meeting which was held there the first of the week. All reports from the parties who attended are that the meeting was a complete success, all the counties which were in this district had their representatives there.

Harry Snodgrass of Floydada, spent the first part of the week in the "Hub of the Plains" attending to business matters.

### FOUNDER OF BUCKNER ORPHAN HOME IS DEAD

Dr. Robert Cook Buckner, evangelist, author and founder of the Buckner Orphan Home, died at his home in Dallas yesterday. And, notwithstanding the fact that at the time of his death, he had passed his eighth year, the news came as a shock to his many friends.

It would be impossible to give an adequate expression of appreciation of Dr. Buckner as a friend, counselor, leader, and man. He has given his entire life to the cause of Christ and for the uplift of mankind, as the most casual glance will reveal. He has been one of the most useful men of his generation and has been looked upon as one of the foremost leaders among Southern and Texas Baptists. No man ever lived a more noble and unselfish life than Dr. R. C. Buckner. It was his desire all through life to be of assistance to others, and it may be stated that he did not fail in his attempt.

As a minister, Dr. Buckner was classed with the best. He was clear, scriptural and sympathetic and was the means of leading many souls to Christ.

But possibly his greatest work was that of caring for orphans. He founded the Buckner Orphan Home many years ago and has been actively caring for the home all these years. His life, which was dedicated to Christ, has been a blessing to many. In this home thousands of children have been cared for; each of them receiving a father's love. As a result many young men and women today are indebted to Dr. Buckner. Through him they were given a chance to live; a chance to grow up to useful manhood and womanhood.

The Buckner Orphan Home today is one of the largest orphan homes in the land and Dr. Buckner is due a large portion of the credit for its growth and success.

As a leader in Baptist affairs, he was conservative, broadminded and almost universally loved. His friends are numbered by the thousands and if he never had a real enemy it is not known. His life was spent for others, without a thought of self. At the time of his death a lot in the Aallas cemetery was his only worldly possession. All that he accumulated through life had been given to others.

### WESLEY CLASS BOX SUPPER AT DAVIS HOME

Notwithstanding the rain and sleet and the snow and the hail and the lightning and the thunder a number of people assembled at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam T. Davis last Tuesday night and enjoyed a box supper of the Wesley Bible Class, of the Methodist Sunday School. Had the weather not been so severe there would have been the largest crowd present that any occasion of like nature ever attracted. This class is composed of a live bunch of ladies headed by one of the most unique teachers in the state and they are developing into one of the strongest classes in any Sunday school, and they will be heard from later. We had a fine time—just a few of us. If it had not stormed more people would have had a riproaring time.

### CHURCH SUPPER IN METHODIST CHURCH BASEMENT

Last Wednesday night a supper by Methodist families in Lubbock was enjoyed by a large crowd after a splendid lecture in the main auditorium by Dr. J. W. Hunt, of Abilene. He is Conference Director for the Centenary movement that the Methodist church has launched and an eight days drive will be made to raise funds later in this month, and he was here in the interest of that movement and spoke most interestingly on the subject. A much larger attendance would have resulted had the weather been more favorable, but as it was there was an abundance of good things to eat, and a rousing good time.

### NEW RESCRIPTIVE BOOK LET NOW ON THE PRESS

A new descriptive booklet will be off the Avalanche presses within a few days. It is one of the nicest that the Chamber of Commerce has ever issued, and it will be a great help to those who wish to send out information to their friends and prospective purchasers of property in this section of the South Plains.

T. E. Jackson returned last Saturday from Burk Burnett where he has been for several days looking after interests there. Mr. Jackson had a well rig working in the oil fields there this past winter.

J. C. Prude and wife, of Tulsa, were visitors here last Saturday.

## LUBBOCK HAS VARIETY OF WEATHER

SUDDEN CHANGE CAME TUESDAY THAT THREW A CHILL OVER THE SOUTH PLAINS AND GAVE US SOAKING

## RAIN, SNOW, SLEET, HAIL, THUNDER AND LIGHTNING

Fruit Crop and Gardens Get Close Call, But Most of it Weathered Through Without Material Injury. Continued Rains Bring Fine Season and Farmers Will Begin Planting Soon.

That Lubbock has had all the weather that is coming to her is not doubted by anyone who was here from Sunday till Tuesday. Sunday we had a typical sand storm from the Southwest kicking up considerable dust and whipping the real estate about much to the disgust of a few disgruntleds. Monday was a better day and all was lovely, but by Tuesday the wind had slipped around to the northeast and came galloping across the plains from the direction of Oklahoma, and the further it went the faster it traveled and by the time it reached here it was going some. It was followed by a cold dampness which lasted the greater part of the day and just before dark it began to thunder and lighten and quite a bit of hail fell, followed by a hard shower of rain, which was followed by a fine sleet which covered the ground, then came a soft mantle of snow that whitened the face of the earth, and made it look like winter was here in all of its fierceness. This over the moon came peeping through the clouds and offered a spectacle that few people have a chance to behold. Its boldness however, was soon enveloped by the thickening of the clouds and more rain fell possibly giving us near an inch of moisture before Wednesday morning, at which time the sun came forth in its splendor and melted quickly the deposits of ice and snow, and while the wind remained in the north and northwest all day, when night came it calmed and most people kissed their fruit and gardens goodbye and went to bed believing that the weather during the night would do the rest toward ending the career of a perfectly splendid fruit crop and early gardens. But the temperature instead of dropping, seemed to rise after dark, and while there was some ice Thursday morning and some of the most tender

plants may have suffered severe frost-bites, it is the general belief that much of it will recover and make good yet.

It was indeed a variety of weather—such as is unusual in this section of the state. Further north from Plainview to Amarillo the snow fall varied, as we hear it from five to eight inches.

There is now a season in the ground that is seldom equalled in this country, and the farmers have their ground in fine condition, listed and ready for the rain which came and soaked it full of moisture, and now, since the spring time has come, they will be ready to plant as soon as the ground is sufficiently dried, and without a severe calamity—wind storm or hail strikes them, a crop is almost sure to result.

The prospects in Lubbock county could not be better from the standpoint of crops and range conditions, and our people are certainly much encouraged, and will make the effort of their lives to make good this year with a great crop, and successfully carry their herds of cattle and sheep through and work out from under the heavy expense account of the past two years, during which time they have fed heavily and got nothing in return.

It is one of the redeeming characteristics of this country to have the power to come back quickly, and those who have been on the plains for many years believe that within a short time the south plains will be one of the beauty spots of the west.

Building activities will increase in the towns and many nice buildings are under advisement now, and we are confident that by the beginning of summer several nice bricks will be ready to begin work on.

Come to Lubbock  
The Hub of the Plains.

### NEWS ITEMS FROM THE UNION COMMUNITY

We have had some pretty warm days the past week which was very much appreciated. After the good rains we have been having the warm sunny days will warm up the ground and the little seed that have been planted lately will soon be coming up.

The trustee election was held at Union Saturday and of course the voters put in the men they thought would serve them best. Mr. Bud Copp and Mr. E. Holt were re-elected. Mr. Copp, Mr. Holt and Mr. Russell held the election.

In spite of the little sandstorm Sunday there was a good crowd at Sunday school. The superintendent and teachers distributed the new literature among the scholars.

Tommy Richardson and family came in last Wednesday from east Texas. They left this country about a year ago, but decided there was no place like Lubbock county, so came back to make this their home. Tommy says it will have to get dryer than it has ever been if he leaves here again. We are glad to have them back with us.

Mr. Charley Griffin was in Slaton Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Teal were in town Saturday shopping.

Grandma Williams went to Slaton Saturday. She will spend this week with her grand daughter of that place Mrs. Emma Sherrod.

T. B. McDonald was in Slaton Saturday.

Misses Goldie and Estell Sooter were present at a social entertainment in the New Hope community Friday night. They report a nice time.

Mr. G. T. Copp, Grandma Copp, and Miss Lydia were all in Lubbock Monday shopping.

Frank Simanacher was in Slaton Saturday.

The Slaton baseball team came out and played ball with the Union boys Saturday afternoon. The Union boys came out winner. We hope that will not discourage them and they will come out and play again.

Mrs. Mamie Pilley of near Wilson is visiting relatives of this community this week.

### PARTY OF LUBBOCKITES VISIT IN NEW MEXICO

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Henderson, Mrs. Jessie Miller, Messrs. A. W. May, C. L. Quillen and Tom Duggan, Jr., visited at the Ely ranch in New Mexico last Sunday and after making a successful trip outdoors and enjoyed themselves hugely as guests of that hospitable family, they decided to return to Lubbock. Mr. Quillen was at the wheel and May was piloting the boat. He being a pioneer on the plains he could not be fooled in directions so the party felt perfectly safe and drifted along for some time believing they were getting nearer home and were enjoying the trip. Soon they began to see strange things and finally drove up in front of a ranch house and inquired "where they were at" and the owner of the ranch informed them that they were just a few miles east of Albuquerque, and fifteen miles west and north of the Ely ranch from which they started. They had run a half circle and were nearly a hundred miles from Lubbock. They got their compass, however, and arrived safely in Lubbock, with sworn secrecy, but the Avalanche reporter got first information, which accuracy is unquestionable.

### ALL DAY MEETING AT SHALLOWATER THIRD SUNDAY

On the third Sunday in April, Rev. D. C. Ross tells us there will be an all day service at Shallowater, at the new school building. There will be services of different kinds during the day, and a Mother's Day program, also dinner on the ground and a general good time. Everybody invited to come and bring a basket full of good eats.

Ralph G. Moore of the firm of Moore Brothers is visiting homefolks in McLennan County this week and intends visiting the oil field districts before returning home.

If you know how to save join a War Savings Society and help somebody else learn.

Ed Green returned Thursday morning from a business visit to Guzman.